



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 12, 2011. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 12, 2011. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through February 12, 2011 were 1.01 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 8, 2011	January 15, 2011	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,015	29,953	29,923	30,422	29,855	30,143
Arkansas	23,080	23,176	23,503	22,481	23,426	22,979
Delaware	4,098	4,014	4,040	4,039	3,980	3,768
Florida	1,307	1,360	1,343	1,341	1,360	1,360
Georgia	32,949	32,769	32,685	33,059	33,628	33,723
Kentucky	7,253	7,389	6,879	8,065	8,006	8,025
Louisiana	3,348	3,395	3,395	3,287	3,395	3,395
Maryland	7,672	7,672	7,593	7,635	7,695	7,714
Mississippi	18,789	18,805	18,733	18,404	18,965	18,376
North Carolina	19,932	19,943	19,851	19,729	19,464	19,636
Oklahoma	7,034	7,207	7,049	7,016	6,974	7,181
Pennsylvania	4,031	4,073	4,073	3,892	3,914	4,006
South Carolina	5,639	5,553	5,544	5,673	5,452	5,579
Texas	15,528	15,510	15,082	14,404	14,320	14,234
Virginia	6,000	5,979	5,641	5,905	5,971	6,081
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,744	18,301	18,782	18,240	19,266	18,624
19 State total	205,419	205,099	204,116	203,592	205,671	204,824
Previous year total	202,247	200,307	202,034	202,304	204,076	205,734
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	101	101	100

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2011

State	Week ending					
	January 8, 2011	January 15, 2011	January 22, 2011	January 29, 2011	February 5, 2011	February 12, 2011
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,649	21,063	20,692	21,000	20,856	20,903
Arkansas	20,616	20,231	22,119	20,707	20,823	21,034
Delaware	4,938	4,875	5,689	4,420	5,002	4,670
Florida	1,387	1,269	1,230	1,224	1,229	1,536
Georgia	27,955	27,733	27,123	27,323	27,749	26,875
Kentucky	5,545	5,917	5,758	5,600	5,742	6,028
Louisiana	2,935	2,962	2,977	2,915	3,002	3,014
Maryland	5,937	5,796	4,866	5,928	5,885	5,775
Mississippi	16,131	16,168	16,247	16,190	16,293	16,123
North Carolina	15,388	16,030	14,841	15,534	15,446	15,715
Oklahoma	4,424	4,953	3,515	4,244	5,481	5,162
Pennsylvania	3,237	3,168	3,236	3,207	3,302	3,301
South Carolina	4,915	4,315	5,123	4,728	4,455	4,805
Texas	13,371	13,218	12,879	13,006	13,054	12,668
Virginia	4,329	4,568	4,886	5,202	4,971	4,966
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,660	15,954	16,326	17,242	14,669	15,104
19 State total	168,417	168,220	167,507	168,470	167,959	167,679
Previous year total	166,836	167,240	166,113	165,437	163,279	164,631
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	102	103	102

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected from all known chicken hatcheries within the 19 States. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All known hatcheries within the 19 States respond via fax. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. All hatcheries are accounted for in the estimates. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Hatchery estimates are based on a census of all known operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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